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Stephanie Floor wins Best Jr. Female Athlete of 2017 of Am Samoa

By American Samoa Handball Association staff

The ASNOC Awards Selection Committee, chaired by Peter Reid III, awarded the Best Jr. Female Athlete of 2017, captain of the U17 National Woman's Beach Handball team, Stephanie Floor.

Stephanie, along with her twin sister Danielle are founding members of American Samoa Handball along with their coach and father Carl Sagapolutele Floor.

The American Samoa U17 National Woman's Beach Handball Team won the gold medal during the 2017 U17 Oceania Beach Handball Championships last May at Cook Islands. During the tournament, Stephanie, with the help of her teammates over powered their opponents for a total goal count of 127 points over 5 games. Australia, who placed second, had a total goal count of 91 points.

Stephanie scored roughly half of the team points at 63, assisted by Danielle, Fiapai Fanene and Naomi Aasa.

The nearest scorer was Caitlin Oschadlues of Australia with 43.

In addition to playing the Specialist Position, Stephanie is the team's primary goalkeeper.

In Beach Handball, the goalkeeper plays offense after a goal or a blocked shot, or may be substituted by an offensive Specialist. The Specialist scores 2 points for any shot unlike. The wing or pivot position players are awarded 1 point for a normal shot and 2 for an acrobatic shot determined by the referees.

Stephanie alternated every play with rising star Jasmine Liu, who at 15 was the youngest player on the team scoring 27 points of her own. Stephanie blocked over 35 shots and with the help of the defense, Frances Nautu, Imeleta Mata'utia, Danielle Floor and Tara Mageo held Kiribati scoreless for an entire half 17 - 0, held Cook Islands to a total of 13 points and allowed only 4 points for the entire championship game against Australia.

IHF Beach Handball Technical Advisor Sasa Kuburovic presented Stephanie with the Oceania Female Top Player Award.

The win secured participation in the 2017 International

Handball Federation World U17 Beach Handball Championships at Mauritius last August.

Oceania was granted two placements as the tournament served as a Qualifier for the 2018 Youth Olympics this August, at Buenos Aires, Argentina.

"We had two missions, learn from the other teams so that we could beat Australia again,"

second half Stephanie again drew the defense while feeding Roselyn Faleo and or Naomi Aasa for the win to force an overtime shoot-out, as the Aussies won the first half 11-10.

In the overtime shoot-out, Stephanie made three key one-on-one blocks while making perfect passes to her four teammates who all scored a point.

Woman's Youth Olympic Qualifying Beach Handball Team placed third behind Tafuna HS Varsity Football Team and winner Samoana HS Varsity Football Team for the best team in American Samoa as voted by the selection committee at the 2017 ASNOC Awards Gala.

Stephanie Floor of Handball, Adriana Puni of Volleyball

federation," Floor Sr. said. "The girls were a bit disappointed when they didn't win 2017 Top Team but when Stephanie won her award, and after hearing her acceptance speech they vowed to continue supporting each other in their quest for the gold. It's competition results that we are after."

ASHAA National Beach Handball Court is almost complete at the Night Hawk's Maliu Mai Beach Resort at Fagagogo. Training continues for the YOG Team with strength and conditioning coach Clayton Boom Mahuka three days a week at the Sports Complex in Tafuna while Saturdays are reserved for Beach Handball training.

Saturdays are open for girls 12 to 16 who would like to learn from the experienced and now U18 Team in preparation for next year's U17 Woman's Beach Handball Championships. Training and games are at the Night Hawk Maliu Mai Beach resort at 2:30 p.m.

"We have been invited to Romania and Hungary to train and compete this July. I hope we can pull it off because there's no substitute for experience. I want our girls prepared properly and ready to represent our territory on the podium, not the stands," the coach said.

BACKGROUND

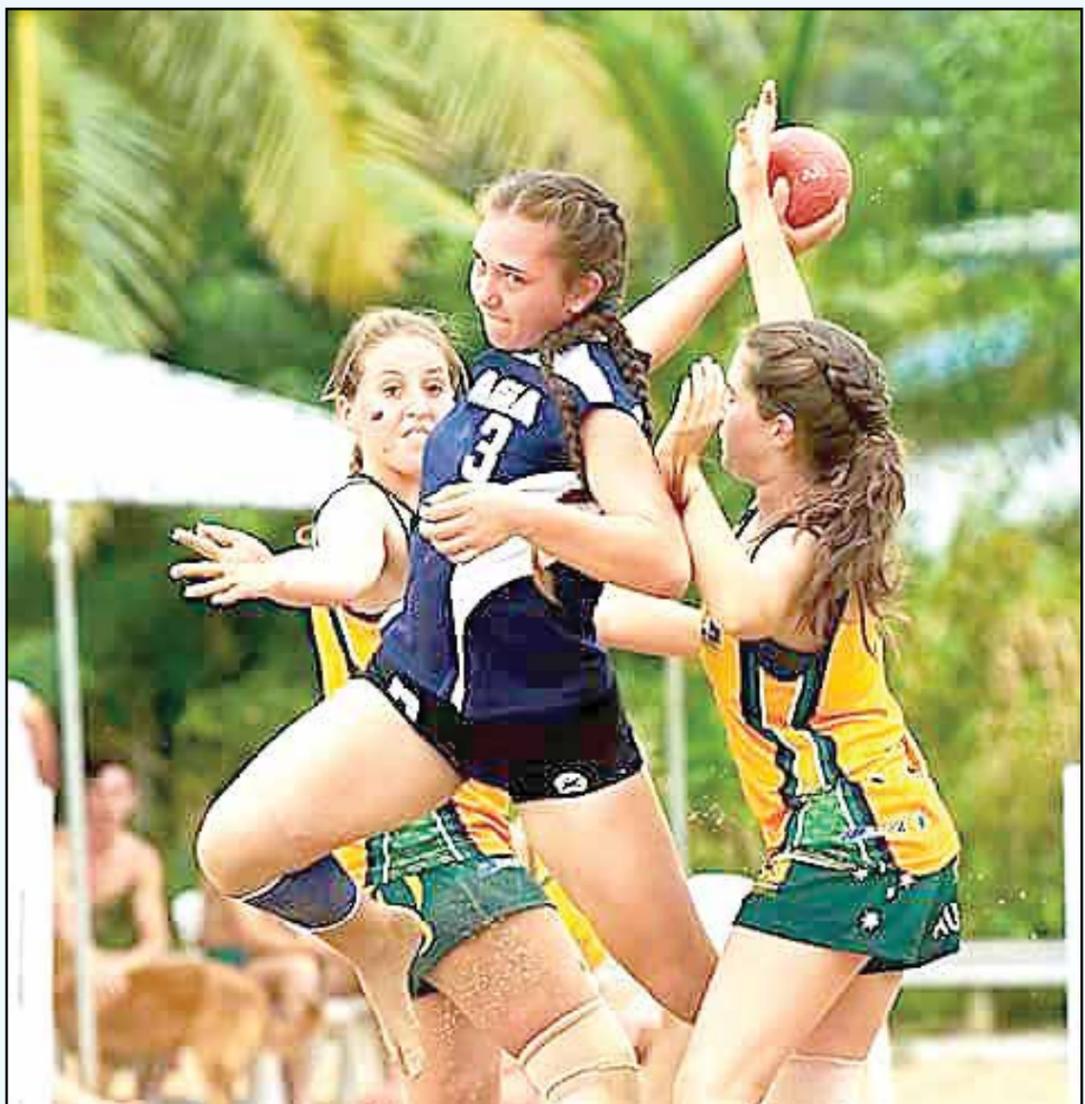
Stephanie is a senior at Leone High School holding a 3.9 GPA. She is a member of the Leone Green Club, the Leone Close up Club and the National Honor Society.

She played varsity soccer this year in her first break, after 4 full years of handball training. Stephanie enjoys working out, is a multi instrumentalist and lists fishing with her dad as one of her favorite activities. "I out fish my dad all the time," she said.

She plays handball for CaBoom Athletic Club of Iliili.

Stephanie, a resident of Iliili comes from a long line of family athletes. Her Sagapolutele Family had professional football players, professional golfers and numerous local HS football and basketball stars. Her brother Sean is a three time All American Wrestler and her brother CJ is a 2005 USA National Champion, a two-time All American and after placing

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Stephanie Floor won Best Jr. Female Athlete of 2017 of American Samoa award, selected by the ASNOC Awards Committee and presented during the 2017 ASNOC Awards Gala.

[Courtesy photo]

coach Floor said.

The team did just that as they nearly forced overtime against Venezuela, beat African representatives Mauritius and after beating Australia earlier in the competition, beat them again in an exciting overtime shootout.

Teamwork again showed its face as the offense set screens and pics while the Aussies defense keyed on Stephanie.

Stephanie drew in the defense, which opened scoring opportunities for her sister Danielle, who scored 9 of the teams 10 first half points in the YOG qualifying game.

After scoring 6 points in the

She then switched to shooter while Jasmine Liu entered the goalkeeper spot.

Leading 5- 4 with one shot left from each team Stephanie ran the sideline, which drew the goalkeeper out to defend. Jasmine gambled trying to shoot goal to goal for a 2-point shot but missed just slightly to the right. Australia's last shooter took 4 steps negating her shot, thus securing the YOG Qualification win for American Samoa.

In total, Stephanie made over 45 blocks and scored 42 points in the 9 games at Mauritius leading her team.

American Samoa's U17

and Ana Ludgate of Wrestling rounded out the top three nominees for the 2017 Top U17 Female Athlete of the year. No stats were provided.

"This is not my trophy. This is our trophy. Handball is a team game and without you girls, I could never win this," Stephanie said when accepting her award. "I want to thank our sponsors, our coaches and our parents because we're going to the Youth Olympics."

"On behalf of ASHAA I wish congratulate the winners and thank everyone who supports handball and who nominated any of our athletes, coaches or





IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: THA)

Iakina emerges as contender in varsity division

By FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio

Iakina Adventist Academy Saints has emerged as a contender for the title in the ASHSAA Boys' Soccer, varsity division after its latest result, a 4-2 win over the Faga'itua Vikings on Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

after Fiso converted a direct kick from outside the box area for Faga'itua.

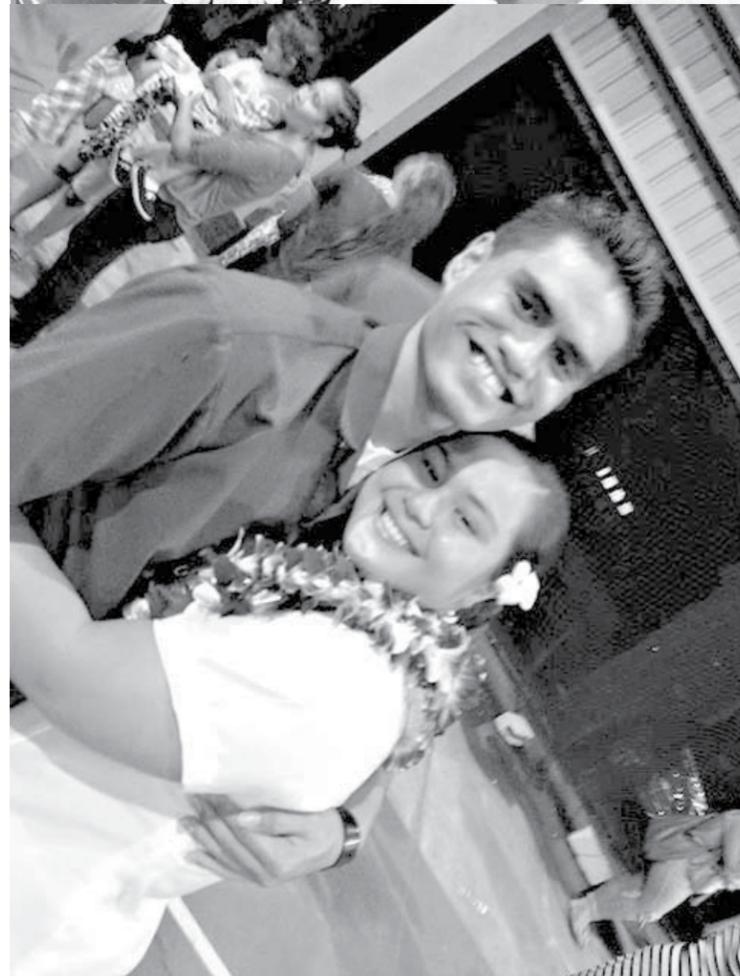
Ulysses Lefiti equalized for Iakina a little later, while Ulufale scored the go-head goal on a direct kick of his own.

Mark Tagai provided the closer for Iakina on a sliding

10. The other game scheduled between the Crusaders and Nu'uuli Voc-Tech Wildcats was postponed due to transportation issues for the latter.

DOLPHINS 2, VIKINGS 1 (APRIL 3, 2018)

A late surge by Faga'itua fell short against the SPA Dolphins



Aaron Singh, left, of the Fa'asao-Marist Crusaders dribbles the ball against a Tafuna Warriors opponent during an ASHSAA Boys J-V Soccer game on Monday, April 2, 2018 at Pago Park Soccer Stadium.

[FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio]

Iakina played from behind for most of the game, going down 1-0 thanks to the game's opening kickoff by Steven Fiso that went the distance for a surprise goal.

In the second half, the Saints' Darryl Ulufale converted a penalty kick to equalize the score, only to go back down a goal

strike that went into the corner on the far post. Despite being down, Iakina was the dominant team and was technically efficient with the ball, moving it from end to end, or side to side, with small quality passes that found their mark.

They will face Fa'asao-Marist next on Tuesday, April

on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at Pago Park Soccer Stadium.

Down 2-0, the Vikings upped the tempo of the game and managed to come away with a goal. They came close to scoring on many occasions, but bad timing on crosses and passes, and great defense from SPA,

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Nothing but Nets: Brooklyn's 3-point barrage beats Bucks

By GENARO C. ARMAS, AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Brooklyn's long-range shooters dealt a blow to the Milwaukee Bucks' hopes of moving up in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

They hit 3s whether they were wide open or had a defender in their face. They hit them from the corners and the wings.

The Nets shot 48 percent from behind the arc in a 119-111 win Thursday night over the Bucks, though it seemed like they just couldn't miss. Allen Crabbe scored 25 points and led a 19-of-39 3-point shooting with two 3s in the closing minutes of a tight game.

This win over a playoff-bound team will serve as moti-

vation for the Nets as they close out an otherwise disappointing regular season.

"I keep saying 'We're playing for a lot,'" coach Kenny Atkinson said. "We're playing for our future, we're playing for our culture ... we're playing for our fans."

And making it a little tougher for the Bucks to climb up the East standings.

This isn't the way that Milwaukee wanted to play a night after clinching its third post-season berth in four years thanks to Detroit's loss to Philadelphia.

The Bucks and Washington Wizards are tied for seventh with identical 42-37 records, a game behind sixth-place Miami. But the Wizards have the tiebreaker with the Bucks because of a better conference record.

Washington lost at Cleveland on Thursday night, meaning the Bucks missed a golden opportunity to move up with the 53-loss Nets in town.

"We've got to win and they've got to lose now," Bucks center John Henson said. "That's why it's important to win games like this tonight because that matters at the end of the season."

Khris Middleton scored 31 points, while Giannis Antetokounmpo had 19 points and 10 rebounds for Milwaukee.

Undermanned in the front-court because of injuries, the Nets packed the paint to try to prevent the free-wheeling Antetokounmpo from having his way around the rim. Brooklyn center Jarrett Allen had a career

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Portland Trail Blazers center Jusuf Nurkic, left, tries to keep control of the ball under pressure from Houston Rockets forward Trevor Ariza, right, during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, April 5, 2018, in Houston. (AP Photo/Michael Wyke)

Paul's late shot lifts Rockets over Trail Blazers 96-94

By KRISTIE RIEKEN, AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Chris Paul didn't have a great game Tuesday after missing five of the previous six games to rest while dealing with minor injuries.

The nine-time All-Star was back to his old self Thursday night.

Paul hit an off-balance layup with 0.8 seconds left to lift the Houston Rockets to a 96-94 win over the Portland Trail Blazers, who were without start Damian Lillard.

Paul scored 27 points to help Houston get its second straight victory since a loss to San Antonio. The Rockets swept their four-game season series with Portland.

The performance came after he finished with just eight points on 3-of-11 shooting in Houston's last game.

"There was no doubt that he was going to get back in his game," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "This is really good for him."

Paul said a strength of this team is that they have so many different options when they need a big play, like they did Thursday night.

"James (Harden) can take it, I can take it, we've got other guys ... so you've got to make a choice," he said.

The Rockets led by 24 in the second quarter and still had a big lead with about five minutes left before the Trail Blazers went on a 19-2 run to tie it at 94 with 6.1 seconds left. James Harden, who finished with 24 points, missed two free throws with 13.3 seconds left before Pat Connaughton tied it with a short basket.

Paul made the winner before crashing to the court. It gave Houston its first points since Harden made a basket with just less than four minutes left. Portland had a chance to win it at the buzzer, but C.J. McCollum's 3-point attempt was off.

"I was pleased with the way we finished the game ... it was too bad we couldn't go to overtime or win it," Portland coach Terry Stotts said.

Lillard sat out after spraining his left ankle Tuesday against Dallas. Stotts didn't set a return date but did say he expects to see him in a game before the playoffs begin.

McCollum led the Trail Blazers with 16 points, and Jusuf Nurkic had 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Portland scored the first seven points of the second half and cut a 22-point halftime deficit to 13 at the beginning of the fourth. The Trail Blazers were down by 18 late in the third quarter before capping it with a five straight points to cut it to 84-71 entering the fourth.

A basket by Shabazz Napier got the Trail Blazers within 85-75 with about 10 minutes left before both teams began struggling offensively. The teams combined to miss 10 shots over the next three minutes before Clint Capela ended Houston's drought with a dunk. That started a 7-0 run for the Rockets that made it 92-75.

Harden was shaken up when Wade Baldwin pushed him in the torso as he attempted a layup with about 3 1/2 minutes left in the second quarter. He fell to his knees and stayed on the court for a minute before talking to a trainer and remaining in the game.

The Rockets led 66-44 at halftime behind 20 points from Paul and 15 points from Harden.

TIP-INS

Trail Blazers: Portland had 18 turnovers. ... They made 7 of 22 3-pointers. ... Baldwin had 14 points off the bench.

Rockets: Ryan Anderson sat out with a sprained left ankle. ... Eric Gordon missed the game because of a foot injury. ... Capela had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

FAMOUS FRONT ROW

Several celebrities sat on the front row near Rockets owner Tilman Fertitta. Houston Astros ace Justin Verlander and wife/model Kate Upton were fashionably late, strolling in with Astros owner Jim Crane and wife Whitney during the second quarter. Verlander was wearing the World Series championship ring he received Tuesday night and proudly displayed it when he was introduced to the crowd in the third quarter. Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson arrived early, taking in pregame warmups with rapper Travis Scott. The two received a loud ovation when the arena played one of Scott's hits and showed them on the Jumbotron in the first half.

WHAT A GIFT

During a timeout in the fourth quarter, Crane presented Fertitta with a World Series ring. The Astros owner said: "I wanted to give you a little bit of our luck and good fortune and give you a championship ring." After presenting it to him, he added that he would be expecting Fertitta to return the favor if the Rockets win it all this season.

Crane was very generous with the rings following Houston's first World Series win last season and is handing out more than 1,300 to players, coaches, staff and even seasonal employees this week.

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Any person who wish, may file his objection in writing with the Secretary of the Land Commission before the 30TH day of APRIL, 2018 It should be noted that any objection must clearly state the grounds therefor.

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New man: Lue returns to coach Cavaliers after health scare

By TOM WITHERS, AP Sports Writer

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP) — Tyronn Lue returned to work humbled, changed and with a new perspective.

Cleveland's coach has been rewired by a serious health scare. Lue was back on the sidelines Thursday night and had his blood pressure tested as the Cavaliers rallied to win in his first game following a medical absence that became necessary after he experienced "piercing" chest pains during two games this season.

Now that he's feeling better, Lue even joked about his heart after the Cavs overcame a 17-point deficit in the fourth quarter to stun the Washington Wizards 119-115.

"I told the guys after the game, 'Good job of bailing me out.' It was tough," Lue said. "First game back and not having a point guard and not knowing what sets to call and what to run because you haven't worked on it. Our rotations were a little off tonight so, I mean, I was rusty."

Earlier in the day, Lue, who guided the Cavs to an NBA title in 2016, described his ordeal in some detail for the first time. Lue said he had been bothered by chest pains for more than a year, but when they worsened during a March 17 game in Chicago, he realized it was time to step away and get help.

"It's just the chest pains are very piercing, like, through the chest and around the rib area. So, it feels like you're having a heart attack," he said. "The doctor said, 'You might die, but it won't be from your heart.' So, that was a good thing to hear that my heart's in good shape. But it's just like electricity shooting through your body, through your chest area."

After stubbornly thinking he could fight through symptoms, Lue changed his diet ("No Shirley Temples), is exercising more, hired a chef and is taking sleep medication.

More important, he now realizes there are more important things than worrying about Cleveland's rotation, defending the pick and roll or getting the Cavs back to the NBA Finals.

While he was out for nine games, Lue received sound advice from a colleague and rival — Golden State coach Steve Kerr, who has been sidelined in the past with debilitating back pain.

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Closing time: LeBron scores 33, Cavs rally to stun Wizards

By TOM WITHERS, AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James looked at the clock and scoreboard and didn't flinch.

It was time to fix things. His time. Closing time.

in his return after missing nine games due to health reasons.

Cleveland was down 14 when James checked in with 7:48 left, and 13 seconds later, the deficit swelled to 17 when the three-time champion took off on one of those runs that

and Rodney Hood made two free throws to complete a 10-0 run by the Cavs. Morris then converted a three-point play, but Cleveland's Kyle Korver knocked down a 3 in front of Washington's bench — from nearly the same spot where he



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) drives to the basket against Washington Wizards' Marcin Gortat (13), from Poland, in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Thursday, April 5, 2018, in Cleveland.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

"He gets that look," Cavaliers forward Kyle Korver said.

James scored 13 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter and rallied Cleveland from a 17-point deficit to stun the Washington Wizards 119-115 on Thursday night to maintain the No. 3 playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Cavs trailed 104-87 with 7:35 left before storming back behind James, who added 14 assists, nine rebounds and made sure coach Tyronn Lue got a win

have made him famous.

"I don't have a quit bone in me, so if I'm on the floor I've got to try to make plays happen no matter what the score is," he said. "That's just my mindset."

Jeff Green added 21 points and Kevin Love had 16 for the Cavs, who are 10-1 since March 17, when Lue was forced to leave a game in Chicago with "piercing" chest pains. Lue, who has changed his diet and is taking sleep medication, has come back to a Cleveland team that seems to be hitting its stride just in time for the playoffs.

But it took another of those patented James' comebacks to down the Wizards, who have dropped seven of nine and are in a three-way battle with Milwaukee and Miami for playoff positioning.

Wizards coach Scott Brooks said he feared James would do exactly what he did.

"Like I said before the game, I'll say it after the game and probably five years from now I'll say the same thing," he said. "He's the best player in the league and he does that every night. You don't get to see players like him often."

Washington's John Wall looked more like his speedy All-Star self in his third game back from knee surgery, scoring 28 points with 14 assists. But he had a costly turnover in the closing seconds and the Wizards couldn't put away the Cavs down the stretch.

Bradley Beal added 19 points, and Otto Porter had 18 for Washington.

A basket by Markieff Morris gave the Wizards a 110-100 lead with 3:16 left, but James scored six straight, fed Green for layup,

missed a big 3 in Game 3 of last year's Finals.

"Yeah I was wide open and the ball was in the perfect pocket," Korver said. "I got to line it up and shoot it."

Green's two free throws — on a tough call against Wall, who appeared to make a clean steal — gave the Cavs a 116-115 lead, but after Walls missed a short jumper, James split a pair of three throws, giving Washington one last chance.

Wall drove the lane but instead of going to the basket, he attempted a twisting pass outside that was stolen by rookie Cedi Osman, who made two free throws to close it out.

"I already knew on the play before that I wasn't going to get the call, so why even put myself in that position?" Wall said. "I tried to find a teammate for a wide open shot. You just give that guy credit for making a great defensive stop."

SEEDING

The Wizards remained in the No. 7 spot, sandwiched between the Heat and Bucks, who lost at home to Brooklyn.

MORE INJURIES

Lue came back to a familiar situation as the Cavs, who have endured injuries for months, were missing point guards Jose Calderon (hamstring) and George Hill (ankle).

TIP-INS

Wizards: Brooks said Wall will not play Friday night. He's yet to play consecutive game since returning. ... Wall lost weight during his recovery, and coach Scott Brooks said that should help the All-Star going forward. "It's going to be good for his long-term recovery," Brooks said.

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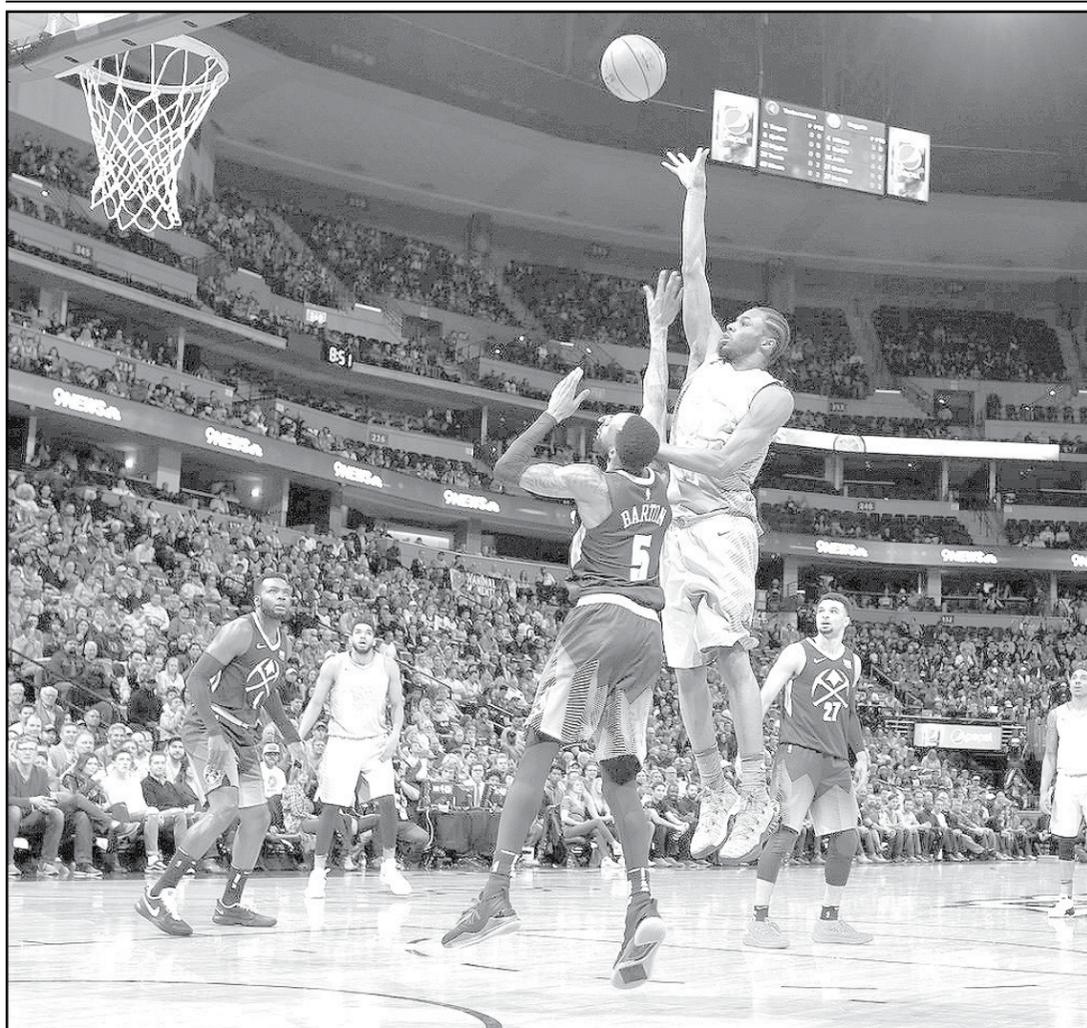
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Minnesota Timberwolves forward Andrew Wiggins, right, shoots over Denver Nuggets forward Will Barton during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, April 5, 2018, in Denver.

(AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

Murray, Jokic lead Nuggets to 100-96 win over Wolves

By PAT GRAHAM, AP Sports Writer

DENVER (AP) — Jamal Murray had 22 points to lead six Denver players in double figures, Nikola Jokic wrapped things up with a late tip-in and the Nuggets beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 100-96 on Thursday night in a pivotal matchup between teams vying for a playoff spot.

The victory moved Denver (44-35) into a tie, record-wise, with Minnesota for the eighth spot with three games remaining. Both are a half-game behind New Orleans.

Jokic finished with 16 points and 14 rebounds, while reserve Devin Harris added 20 for the Nuggets. The playoff jockeying between these two teams could go down to the wire with Minnesota hosting Denver in the regular season finale on Wednesday.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 26 points and grabbed 13 rebounds before fouling out with 1:46 remaining.

Up 98-96 with 6.6 seconds remaining, Will Barton took a shot that bounced off the rim and in Jokic's direction. He batted it in to seal the win. Denver made six straight free throws in the final 2 minute.

Minnesota had a familiar face available and sitting on the bench in Jimmy Butler, but he didn't get into the game. Butler has been out since suffering a right knee injury on Feb. 23 at Houston. The Wolves are 8-9 since Butler was sidelined.

This game featured quite a showdown between two elite big men in Towns and Jokic. They pushed and shoved each other around, before Towns fouled out with 1:46 remaining while trying to cover Murray on the perimeter. Jokic, who had five fouls, struggled with his shot

early but came up big at the end.

Denver caught fire late in the third behind the shooting of Harris, who had nine points to help the team close out the quarter on an 11-0 run to take a 79-72 lead.

TIP-INS

Timberwolves: G Jeff Teague (knee) was back after missing a game and scored 15 points. Derrick Rose (ankle) had four. ... Towns earned his 65th double-double of the season.

Nuggets: G Gary Harris missed a 10th straight game with a strained right knee. "Longer than I think anybody anticipated," coach Michael Malone said. "Just not where it needs to be for him to come back." ... Jokic had nine assists.

OUCH

Towns momentarily stayed down early in the third after taking an elbow to the face from Paul Millsap. Towns remained in the game.

Moments later, Murray took an accidental hand to the face from Towns while trying to grab a rebound. Murray hit the floor before slowly getting back up.

NOT BUYING IT

In his pregame chat, Malone said he didn't buy that Butler would sit out despite being listed as doubtful.

"Believe that if you want," Malone said. "I got a bridge to sell you."

Water under the bridge — Butler didn't play.

UP NEXT

Timberwolves: Travel to Los Angeles to play the Lakers on Friday.

Nuggets: Denver plays two of its final three games on the road, including Saturday in Los Angeles against the Clippers.



IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Blue)



▶ Stephanie...

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second in 2014, at the Africa Wrestling Championships, provided American Samoa a qualification spot at the 2012 London Olympics. Prior to moving to American Samoa Stephanie was an excellent wrestler winning

several local wrestling tournaments in the boys division.

Stephanie is the Grand Daughter of Latea Sagapolutele Floor and the late William E. Floor. Her mother Patricia succumbed to breast cancer when

she was 5 years old. Stephanie plans on attending ASCC while she continues to play handball for ASA. She has her sights on a career in Europe as a professional player and internationally as a referee with her twin.





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Steven Fiso, right, of the Faga'itua Vikings varsity team holds off an Iakina Saints opponent during an ASHSAA Boys varsity Soccer game on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Pago Park Soccer Stadium. [FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio]

▶ Iakina...

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led by goalie Cody McMoore, allowed the Dolphins to win. Joshua Tabui scored both goals for South Pacific

Academy. Iakina was awarded a win by forfeit against the Kanana Fou Stallions in the other varsity game scheduled on that day.

CRUSADERS 1, WARRIORS 1 (APRIL 2, 2018)

Fa'asao-Marist played with

only nine players due to a first-minute red card against them, and they ended up tying with the Tafuna Warriors 1-1.

The Crusaders played much better than the 11-man, Tafuna team, and it was just bad luck for them to lose their player to

a red card.

WARRIORS 2, CRUSADERS 0 (J-V, APRIL 2, 2018)

The Tafuna Warriors' J-V squad won a hard fought game against the Crusaders, 2-0.

Both goals by Tafuna were

did not come easy, and were scored in the first half, while Fa'asao-Marist failed to convert a penalty kick in the second half.



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SPA Dolphins' players in action against the Faga'itua Vikings during an ASHSAA Boys varsity Soccer game on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at Pago Park Soccer Stadium. [FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio]

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▶ Nothing but nets...

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Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo, left, is defended by Brooklyn Nets forward Rondae Hollis-Jefferson as he drives to the basket during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, April 5, 2018, in Milwaukee. (AP Photo/Darren Hauck)

high five blocks, and the Nets finished with 12 on the night.

“He’s got to be our paint-patroller, our rim-protector,” Atkinson said about Allen. “He was outstanding patrolling the paint tonight.”

A hot night from 3-point territory made up for any other shortcomings.

Crabbe was clutch by hitting two of his five 3s over the final three minutes, the second coming with 1:18 left to give the Nets a six-point lead that sent Bucks fans to the exits.

D’Angelo Russell was 4 of 10 from the arc and finished with 22 points. Joe Harris was 3 of 5 and finished with 17 points.

“The answer is we did not defend it pretty well,” Bucks coach Joe Prunty said when asked to explain his team’s perimeter defense. “We defended it pretty poorly.”

TIP INS

Nets: The frontcourt was beset by injuries with F DeMarre Carroll (left hip) and C Jahlil Okafor (right ankle) each missing the game after getting hurt in a loss Tuesday at Philadelphia. ... F Dante Cunningham did not dress because of back spasms.

Bucks: F Jabari Parker had a couple highlight-reel dunks but finished 6 of 21 from the field for 13 points. He added 10 rebounds. ... G Eric Bledsoe had

16 points and six assists.

MILESTONE

The Nets tied a franchise record set last season with a 14th straight game of at least 10 3-pointers.

BUCKS SPARK

Brooklyn had the Bucks on their heels until Bledsoe’s energetic play gave Milwaukee a spark on both ends of the floor. The speedy point guard had two steals during an 18-3 run in the third quarter, finishing the spurt with a corner 3 for a 75-71 lead with 2:22 left.

But the Bucks were just 5 of 20 overall from 3-point range.

“We couldn’t shoot it in the ocean, they got a chance to get them,” Parker said.

START IT UP

Brooklyn’s 23rd different starting lineup of the season had a hot first half. The quintet of center Allen, forwards Harris and Rondae Hollis-Jefferson along with guards Crabbe and Russell combined to shoot 57 percent in the first half and 44 percent (9 of 22) from the 3-point arc to take a 52-45 lead at halftime.

QUOTABLE

“Everybody says (we’ve) got nothing to play for, so we might as well get as many wins as we can before the season ends.” — Crabbe.

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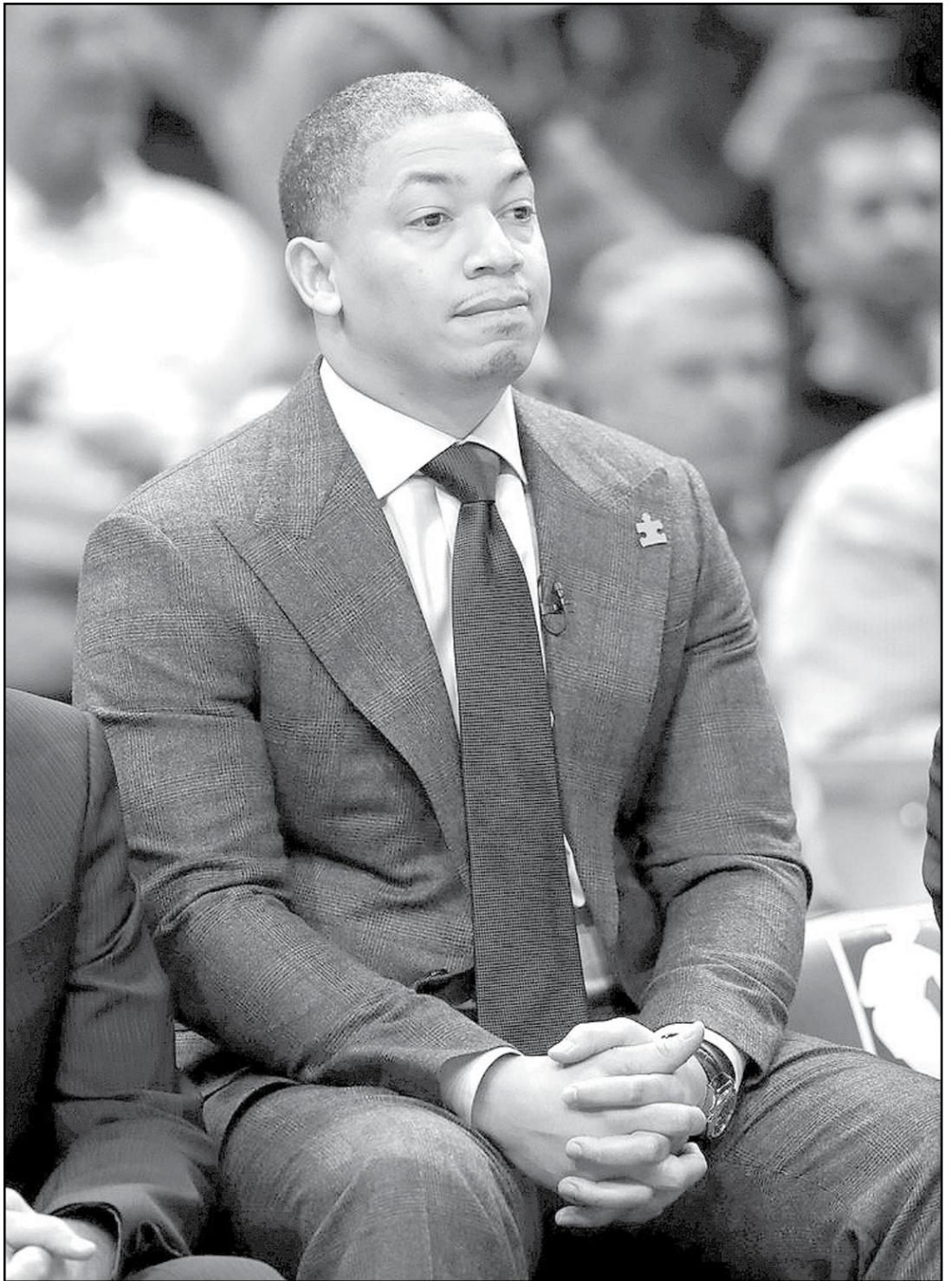
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▶ New man...

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Cleveland Cavaliers head coach Tyronn Lue watches from the bench in the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Washington Wizards, Thursday, April 5, 2018, in Cleveland.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

Lue said Kerr helped him understand the bigger picture by putting his health first.

"We get so wrapped up in the game of basketball I think we kind of forget about everything else," Lue said. "This was the first time in 20 years where I really just had a chance to focus on me and get myself right and he reminded of that. We get so wrapped up in the game that we forget about real life and it was the best advice I got — so thank Steve for that."

The Cavs travel to Philadelphia on Friday and Lue said coaching against the Wizards will be a good test to make sure he's up for the rigors of travel and added stress.

"We know the games will be late and it will be a little bit more difficult, but just with travel and being asleep on the road and I've got to take my medication because sometimes I can be groggy in the first two or three hours when I wake up," Lue said. "I just gotta get in a routine and seeing how that's going to feel."

The Cavs, who have been ravaged by injuries all season, hardly missed a beat without Lue, going 8-1 under the direction of assistant Larry Drew. Lue has always trusted Drew, but he intends to lean on him even more as the Cavs head into their last four regular-season games before gearing up for the postseason. "L.D. stepped up and did a great job," Lue said. "And other coaches stepped up and they've been doing a great job also. So, whatever I need them to do, they all just said, 'Don't be afraid to ask.' So, I'm very excited just for the playoff push. I kind of wish I could skip these four games and go right to the playoffs because that excites

me." Cleveland's players are thrilled to have Lue back. He recently returned in an advisory role, but stayed off the floor during games. Now that he'll be back in the huddle, the Cavs feel whole.

"He challenges us," LeBron James said. "He's been with us. He's our championship head coach so he knows everything about our team. He knows how to get the best out of our players, even though we've got a lot of new guys. But just his command, having him back out there. It's going to be good for us."

Following his health issues in Chicago last month, Lue said owner Dan Gilbert, general manager Koby Altman and others in Cleveland's organization persuaded him it was time to seek help.

Lue agreed, and then James comforted him with encouraging words.

"Having LeBron's validation, just being like, 'I got it. Take some time off. Get yourself ready for the playoffs. I'll take care of the team. I'll make sure everything is good,'" Lue said. "And he's playing at a high level, so he's a man of his word."



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 - 36 Trig findings
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 - 48 Superhero creator Stan
 - 49 Extends a subscription
 - 51 GM light-duty
 - 53 More impatient
- 55** Sheep pelts
- 58** Guitar feature
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- 61** Certain sea creatures
- 67** Secretive D.C. org.
- 68** Ear-involved
- 69** Aquarium buildup
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- 71** Almost worthless copper
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- DOWN**
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 - 13 Number of solidarity
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- 21** Angelina Jolie role
- 24** Innocent one
- 25** Kendrick and Chlumsky
- 27** Perform again
- 28** Self-satisfaction
- 29** Bring great joy to
- 30** Crowded
- 32** Doctrinal offshoots
- 34** Prefix with "violet"
- 35** Warning to pull over
- 37** Sans (typeface)
- 40** Glassy blinkers
- 42** Burr-Hamilton event
- 45** With much speed
- 47** Head locks
- 50** Hospital fluids
- 52** Entertainer's go-between
- 54** Apply a new tread
- 56** Come afterward
- 57** Genesis
- 59** Confess
- 61** Baseballer's wear
- 62** Have regrets
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- 64** "Antonio" beginning
- 65** "... and seven years"
- 66** Rug feature

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Short trips to visit an old friend, relative or place you used to hang out will lead to interesting information about someone from your past. Gather information that will assist you with a decision you need to make. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll feel impulsive when it comes to spending money or making a decision that can affect your standard of living or how you get along with your peers. Taking care of someone else's affairs will be difficult and cause conflicts. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The changes you want to make will be met with opposition if you are too open and chatty about your plans. Work alone to bring about the desired results; you will feel good about your accomplishment. Don't divulge secrets. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Expect to encounter a change of heart. Someone you thought you could count on will let you down. Don't get worked up over something you cannot change. Look at your options and do your own thing. Use your creative imagination to excel. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your changing attitude will keep you in touch with what's trending. Insight and multitasking are your best ways to make a lasting impression on someone who is in a position to help you get ahead. Positive change is heading your way. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Personal and spiritual growth along with relationships, love and romance are featured. Make plans to travel, socialize and spend time with people you enjoy being around. Children and older relatives will offer insight into something that's been bothering you. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotional matters will be difficult to deal with. Taking care of someone else's personal affairs will be difficult and depressing if you do it alone. Enlist the help of someone you love and trust to help you. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a fresh look at an old idea or plan. Someone from your past will boost your morale. A partnership looks promising, along with a personal update that boasts a trendy, successful image. Romance will improve your life. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Change can be a blessing if you go about it the right way. Share your ideas and you'll receive all sorts of information that will help you find the best way to reach your goal. Physical changes can be made. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Hidden matters are best kept that way. Don't discuss your past or your personal life, finances or plans. Someone will take advantage of the information you share. Don't make an impulsive decision. Focus on home and personal improvements. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A change in the way you do things will draw attention. Touch base with old friends or colleagues. Someone will shed light on a situation that took place a long time ago. Let the past go and move forward. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be eager to make an impulsive move, but before you do, go over all the facts, figures and scenarios that may occur should you take a risk. Stick to the people you trust and firsthand information. 2 stars

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

FATHER'S HABIT OF RETURNING FOOD PROVES HARD TO SWALLOW

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 30s and moved out of my parents' home 10 years ago. Last week I decided to visit them, and we went out to eat. Dad has a habit of sending his food back to the kitchen -- "My steak isn't cooked enough," or "My food is cold. Could you warm it up?" He even does this at restaurants that aren't fancy.

Dad has done this my whole life and he's in his 60s. It's embarrassing for me and Mom, and it frustrates the cooks and waitstaff. Is there a polite way of telling him to stop this behavior? He takes any criticism personally. -- EMBARRASSED IN THE NORTHEAST

DEAR EMBARRASSED: You are certainly free to tell your father that this habit embarrasses you, but after all these years, you and your mother are not going to change him. Restaurants are in the hospitality business. If your father isn't satisfied with his food, he has a right to ask that it be served to his liking, and most restaurants will gladly comply. We are not responsible for the actions of other people, and because of that, you should not feel embarrassed about something over which you have no control.

DEAR ABBY: Last year for my birthday, my husband asked me what I wanted for a gift. I told him I would like flowers once a month for one year. He's been pretty good about it. But I complained about the way I receive them, which is, when we are driving home in our truck (we work together) and it's nearing the end of the month, he'll pull into the parking lot at the grocery store, run in, come back and hand them to me. He always picks out a beautiful bunch, but my complaint was that it's never a "surprise." He says he can't decide if I'm ungrateful or a spoiled brat. What say you and your readers? -- GRATEFUL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR GRATEFUL: Your mistake was in not clearly specifying that what you wanted was a bouquet in a vase from a florist. However, because you also told your husband you wanted flowers once a month, I fail to see how they would in any way be a "surprise." He has been giving you what you asked for, and you shouldn't look a gift husband in the mouth. I'm not going to name call, but shame on you.

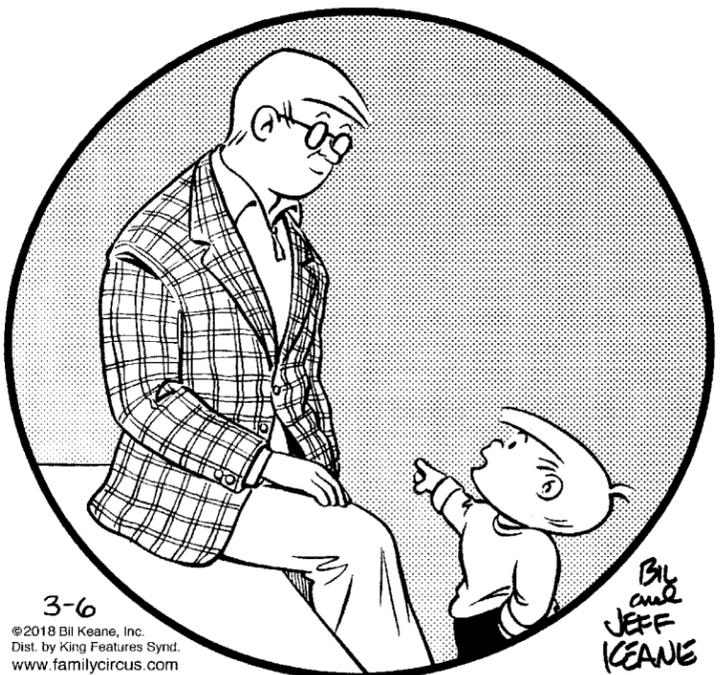
DEAR ABBY: People in nursing homes or at home -- ill, incapacitated or retired -- still need social contacts. In our busy society, these folks are often forgotten, and it is hurtful. We will all get there someday and will fully understand how important an occasional phone call or greeting card can be. Please ask your readers to make a note on their calendar as a "reminder." If they do, someone will be very grateful for the kind gesture -- most likely the recipient -- but it may also be their family members. Kindness goes a long way. -- REMEMBERING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR REMEMBERING: You have a caring soul. Your message is an important one, which is why I am sharing it with my readers. I know most of you are busy people, but a simple gesture can make a world of difference to those who may be isolated.

FIVE OF A KIND By Timothy E. Parker

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Why do you call that a sports jacket, Daddy? I never see you play anything in it."

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Sudoku Pacific

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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Thursday's Puzzle Answer

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4	1	2	9	3	8	7	5	6

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I'LL HAVE A PRUNE JUICE!

SORRY! WHAT DID YOU SAY?

NEVER MIND!

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WHO SAID THAT?!

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Ray, D-backs spoil Cardinals' home opener with 2-hitter

BY STEVE OVERBEY, Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Robbie Ray was ready to make a new memory in St. Louis.

The left-hander struck out nine over six innings and the bullpen closed out a two-hitter, helping the Diamondbacks spoil the St. Louis Cardinals' home opener 3-1 on Thursday night.

Arizona improved to 6-1 for the second straight season and tied a franchise record for its best seven-game start. The team was also 6-1 in 2000.

St. Louis dropped its first home opener since 2015.

Ray (2-0) gave up one run on two hits and five walks. He was making his first appearance at Busch Stadium since being knocked out of a game by a line drive off his head on July 28, 2017.

"I kind of just put it behind

me," Ray said. "It's something that happened and it's over. It was just another game."

Ray took the hard liner off the bat of Luke Voit just below his ear and left the stadium on a stretcher. He went on the concussion list from July 29 until Aug. 23.

Ray returned to the scene and took control early, allowing just one hit over the first three innings.

The walks were a problem, but he wriggled out of jams in the second and fourth innings with back-to-back strikeouts of Paul DeJong and Yairo Munoz.

"You hold this team to two hits on (their) opening night, that's pretty special," Arizona manager Torey Lovullo said. "He made big pitches when he had to. I don't think he has a back-down mentality. He stood on his stuff."

David Peralta capped off a two-run second inning with an RBI single. He pushed the lead to 3-0 with a double in the fourth.

Yadier Molina had a run-scoring double in the fourth for the Cardinals, who have lost two of three.

Brad Boxberger picked up his third save in three chances. Four Arizona relievers were perfect except for an error by first baseman Paul Goldschmidt in the eighth.

"The pitching has set the tone," said Arizona third baseman Daniel Descalso, who tripled and reached base three times. "That was the story last year and it's the same thing going forward this year."

Adam Wainwright (0-1) came off the 10-day disabled list to make the start for St. Louis. He gave up four hits and three runs over 3 2/3 innings. Wainwright struck out three and walked four. He had been slowed since pulling his hamstring late in spring training.

"I was getting underneath most of my stuff as the game wore on and wasn't making the good adjustments as often as I needed to," Wainwright said.

Ray, who went 8-1 in 15 road starts last season, also drove in Descalso with a sacrifice fly for the first run of the game.

"Guys were having a tough time picking up a very good slider and that led to quite a few strikeouts," St. Louis manager Mike Matheny said of Ray. "His elevated fastball was good, too."

Chris Owings had three hits and reached base four times for the Diamondbacks, who won their fourth in a row. He has hit safely in six successive games.

"I thought it was a great win for us," Lovullo said.

Goldschmidt broke out of a 1-for-20 skid with a single in the sixth.

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